

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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Taxpayer A

= xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Individual B

IRA X

= xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Company C

= xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Amount A

= xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Company D

Company E

= xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Dear xxxxxxxxxx:

This letter is in response to your letter dated xxxxxxxxxxx, as supplemented by correspondence dated xxxxxxxxxxxx, and xxxxxxxxxx, submitted on your behalf, by your authorized representative, in which you request a waiver of the 60 day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

The following facts and representations have been submitted under penalties of perjury in support of your request.

Taxpayer A represents that he received a distribution from IRA X totaling Amount A. Taxpayer A asserts that his failure to accomplish a rollover within the 60-day period prescribed by section 408(d)(3) of the Code occurred because appropriate paperwork was not fully completed by Individual B to ensure that a rollover would be made within the 60-day rollover period. Taxpayer A further represents that Amount A has not been used for any other purpose.

Taxpayer A maintained IRA X with Company C. Taxpayer A represents that he called Individual B, an employee of Company D and advised Individual B of Taxpayer A's intent to liquidate IRA X and use the funds to purchase a new issue of stock with Company E. Taxpayer A informed Individual B that he wanted this transaction to be completed in the form of an IRA rollover to be established with Company D. Taxpayer A was not fully aware of the steps required to complete a rollover and he relied upon Individual B to perform a valid rollover in a timely manner.

On xxxxxxxxx, upon the advice of Individual B, Taxpayer A signed a withdrawal surrender request form with Company C. On xxxxxxxxxx, Taxpayer A received a distribution from IRA X in the amount of Amount A which Taxpayer A deposited into his personal checking account and, on the same day, used Amount A to purchase securities with Company E.

On xxxxxxxxxx, Taxpayer A went to Individual B's office with the stock certificate he purchased from Company E to arrange for the deposit of the certificate into an IRA with Company D.

On xxxxxxxxx, Taxpayer A completed a private placement questionnaire which he returned to Individual B along with the stock certificate from Company E.

On xxxxxxxxxxx, after the expiration of the 60-day rollover period, Company D notified Taxpayer A that Company D would not accept the stock certificate from Company E into an IRA.

Taxpayer A relied upon Individual B to timely complete a rollover of Amount A into a rollover IRA with Company D.

Documentation from Company D admitts that the failure to complete a rollover within the 60-day period occurred because Individual B did not complete the necessary paperwork in a timely manner.

Based on the foregoing facts and representations, you request that the Internal Revenue Service waive the 60 day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Code with respect to the distribution of Amount A.

Section 408(d)(1) of the Code provides that, except as otherwise provided in section 408(d), any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA shall be included in gross income by the payee or distributee, as the case may be, in the manner provided under section 72 of the Code.

Section 408(d)(3) of the Code defines and provides the rules applicable to IRA rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(A) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(1) of the Code does not apply to any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA to the individual for whose benefit the IRA is maintained if-

- (i) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an IRA for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the day on which the individual received the payment or distribution; or
- (ii) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the date on which the payment or distribution is received, except that the maximum amount which may be paid into such plan may not exceed the portion of the amount received which is includible in gross income (determined without regard to section 408(d)(3)).

Section 408(d)(3)(B) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(3) does not apply to any amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) received by an individual from an IRA if at any time during the 1-year period ending on the day of such receipt such individual received any other amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) from an IRA which was not included in gross income because of the application of section 408(d)(3).

Section 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code provides a similar 60-day rollover period for partial rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(E) of the Code provides that the rollover provisions of section 408(d) do not apply to any amount required to be distributed under section 408(a)(6).

Section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code provides that the Secretary may waive the 60-day requirement under sections 408(d)(3)(A) and 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity and good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that occur

after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 408(d)(3)(l) of the Code.

Rev. Proc. 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R. B. 359, provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(I), the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, or hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error; (3) the use of amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The information presented and documentation submitted by Taxpayer A is consistent with his assertion that his failure to accomplish a timely rollover occurred because the appropriate paper work was not fully completed by Individual B to ensure that a rollover would be made within the 60-day rollover period.

Therefore, pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(l) of the Code, the Service hereby waives the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount A from IRA X. Taxpayer A is granted a period of 60 days from the issuance of this letter ruling to contribute Amount A into a rollover IRA. Provided all other requirements of Code section 408(d)(3), except the 60-day requirement, are met with respect to such contribution, Amount A will be considered a rollover contribution within the meaning of section 408(d)(3) of the Code.

This ruling does not authorize the rollover of amounts that are required to be distributed by section 401(a)(9) of the Code.

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transactions described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations, which may be applicable thereto.

A copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative pursuant to a power of attorney on file in this office.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer that requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited by others as precedent.

If you have any questions concerning this ruling, please contact xxxxxxxxxxx, SE:T EP RA:T3, at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Sincerely yours,

Laura B. Warshawsky, Manager Employee Plans Technical Group 3

Enclosures:
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